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Title: Method and Apparatus for Video Transmission Over a Heterogeneous Network Using Progressive Video Coding

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (hereinafter "Statement") included in the Notice of Allowability dated December 17, 2004 in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the Statement as given on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability. Based on this review, it appears that certain portions of the Statement may be viewed as mischaracterizing the actual limitations of the allowed claims.

By way of example, the Statement includes, in the first sentence of the second paragraph on page 2, the following sentence:

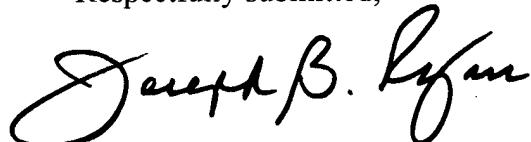
Independent claims 1, 10, 19-20 recite "... coding the video signal in a progressive video coder so as to generate a progressive coded video bit stream . . ."

Applicants believe that the above-listed portion of the Statement mischaracterizes the actual claim language in that the particular language that the Examiner has placed in quotations, although present in claim 1, is not present in claims 10, 19 and 20. For example, neither claim 10 nor claim 19 directly recites a progressive video coder or an explicit step of coding the video signal. Instead, claims 10 and 19 refer to the video signal as "being coded."

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner, in attempting to paraphrase the claimed invention, has introduced language into the Statement that does not accurately reflect the actual claim language.

In summary, Applicants believe that each of the claims is allowable because the particular limitations thereof are not taught or suggested by the art of record. To the extent that the Statement includes language which deviates from the actual language used in the particular limitations of these claims, the Statement is respectfully traversed.

Respectfully submitted,



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